

Organization	Comment	Attribute #	DNR Response
Anglers of the Ausable	Criteria 1 might be reasonable.	1	Support acknowledged
Anglers of the Ausable	Criteria 4 might be reasonable.	4	Support acknowledged
Anglers of the Ausable	Criterion 2 could be a problem depending on the definition of "population areas" and "major transportation arteries."	2	Densities of population areas and the scale of transportation systems are variable and relative from region to region within the state. Setting a single definition for these would be difficult and a broad attribute is sufficient for application on a regional basis.
Anglers of the Ausable	Criterion 3 is quite vague. If "observing trends in recreation demands" means ultimately permitting virtually unrestricted use of ORVs, snowmobiles, personal watercraft and a variety of amusement oriented business, all to the detriment of the forest, water and wildlife, then we believe that this criterion should be considered with an eye to conservation of natural resources that anything else.	3	Social/Economic attribute #3 was modified to also address trends in population growth. The DNR believes that recognizing trends in recreation demands and population growth cannot be ignored in creating management areas. The creation of a management area with recreational use trends as an attribute does not imply unfettered use for motorized recreation.
ARC Consulting Services	Add 5th criteria: State legislated area and proposed area or "lands in holding", i.e. natural rivers, wild areas, scenic areas, etc.	New	These areas are covered in Section 5 of the plan & are generally at too small of a scale to be MAs unto themselves. Also addressed by Ecological attribute 5 (proximity to ecologically sensitive sites).

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Unaffiliated Comment	The apparent increasing intrusion of development into forested areas needs to be a concern. This development can be seasonal, second homes and/or year around dwellings. The expectations of these folks can have a serious impact on forest management alternatives.	New	Social/Economic attribute #3 was modified to also address trends in population growth.
MI Forest Products Council	The MFPC agrees that examining social criteria to include proximity to markets and proximity to population areas and transportation infrastructure can be valuable in constructing regional plans.	1 and 2	Support acknowledged
MI Forest Products Council	We are unclear as to how "trends in recreation demands" and "proximity to known historical/cultural sites" will be used to construct regional plans. How are recreational trends being monitored and assessed, and how is that data being used in this analysis? What distance is being used in the analysis of proximity to historical and cultural sites?	3 and 4	The DNR believes that recognizing trends in recreation demands and population growth cannot be ignored as an attribute of some management areas. Concentrations of historical and cultural site may likewise be attributes of some MAs.
Michigan Assoc of Timbermen	The apparent increasing intrusion of development into forested areas needs to be a concern. This development can be seasonal, second homes and/or year around dwellings.	New	Social/Economic attribute #3 was modified to also address trends in population growth.
Michigan Assoc of Timbermen	We like the criterion of "Proximity to wood product markets".	1	Support acknowledged